

SINGLEHANDED SAILING SOCIETY

THIRTEENTH BIENNIAL SINGLEHANDED TRANSPACIFIC YACHT RACE

June 15, 2002

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RACING RULES

The Race will be governed by the 2001-2004 International Sailing Federation (ISF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as adopted by the United States Sailing Association (USSA), including the USSA Sailing Prescriptions, the 2002 Northern California Performance Handicap Racing Fleet Rules and Guidelines (PHRF), except as any of these are altered by the Notice of Race (NOR), the Sailing Instructions (SI), and any amendments to the SI. Additionally, the requirements of the appropriate measurement or handicap rules will apply. Also, the associated One-Design Class Rules will apply to a yacht that submits a PHRF One-Design Rating.

Between the hours of sunset and sunrise the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) shall replace part 2 of the RRS.

For advertising purposes, the Race is Category C as per Appendix 1 of the RRS.

Sailing Instructions shall be provided to all skippers on or before June 14, 2002.

The following exceptions to the RRS are allowed:

- (a) One or more whisker poles may be used to pole out headsail(s) (this changes RRS 50.2). The length of the whisker poles may not exceed the LP of the largest rated headsail, and may not be used for setting the spinnaker.
- (b) Mechanical or electric self-steering devices may be employed (this changes RRS 52).
- (c) Transferable water ballast is allowed (this changes RRS 51). Such transferable water ballast shall have a density no greater than that of sea water. No form of solid or granular transferable ballast may be used.
 - (i) All tanks for transferable ballast shall be inside the hull(s) and below decks.

- (ii) Competitors must demonstrate an efficient and safe manual method of discharging, transferring, or taking on liquid ballast with the yacht up to 50 degrees angle of heel to port or starboard of the normal laden trim.
- (iii) Competitors must demonstrate that with all such ballast transferred to one side to its maximum possible extent the static angle of heel of the yacht shall not exceed 10 degrees to port or starboard of the normal laden trim.
- (iv) If yachts fitted with fresh water or fuel tanks to port or starboard, such tanks will be considered part of the transferable ballast system and must be completely full and empty on the appropriate sides during the inclining test.
- (v) Owners intending to use other forms of transferable ballast not covered by these rules should clear the project for eligibility with the Race Committee first.

Yachts racing must stay clear of commercial or other vessels limited in their ability to maneuver in restricted waters.

2 CHECK IN

All yachts must check in with Race Committee prior to the warning signal on VHF radio channel 69, advising Race Committee of the yacht's name and sail number, and receiving an acknowledgment from the Race Committee. A yacht failing to notify Race Committee successfully will be scored "Did Not Start".

3 START

The Race will start on Saturday June 15, 2002, at 10AM. The start line will be a line between an orange marker on the Corinthian Yacht Club race deck and an orange inflatable buoy approximately 400 yards offshore. Division start times will be published in an amendment to the Sailing Instructions as soon as entries are closed.

4 POSTPONEMENT

The signal to postpone will be the hoisting of the Answering Pennant and the firing of two guns. The postponement period will end with the lowering of the Answering Pennant and the firing of one gun. One minute after the ending of the postponement period the warning gun and signal will be made, signifying the resumption of the regular starting sequence. Code flag "P" will be hoisted to indicate that a postponement has occurred and the scheduled starting times have been cancelled. Yachts will then start in the order indicated in an amendment to the Sailing Instructions.

5 INDIVIDUAL RECALL

Yachts prematurely across the starting line at their starting signal may be notified by horn blast, hailer and/or over VHF radio channel 69. The Race Committee may also display Code Flag "X" if any yachts are over early. However, nothing contained in these instructions shall relieve a yacht of its obligation to make a proper start. A yacht which crosses the starting line before its preparatory signal and does not return to make a proper start will be scored DNS. A yacht crossing the starting line prematurely after the preparatory signal and does not return to make a proper start may opt to have 1 hour added to its elapsed time, rather than being scored DNS, by notifying the Race Committee immediately on VHF channel 69 (this modifies RRS 29.1)

6 GENERAL RECALL

Recall of an entire starting group will be signaled by the hoisting of the First Substitute Pennant and the firing of two guns. When recalled, all yachts of that starting group shall immediately leave the starting area. Their starting time shall be postponed to 5 minutes after the last scheduled starting group. If there is more than one general recall, the recalled starting groups will start in the order of their initially scheduled starts.

7 LATE STARTERS

In the event that a yacht is late for the start, and has either not cleared her mooring, or is not within one mile of the starting line at the time of her Preparatory signal, she will not be considered to be racing for the purposes of RRS 41 and 42 until she has both cleared her mooring and is within one mile of the starting line.

8 RESTRICTED AREAS

Any yacht entering a restricted area may not "unwind" and must retire or face protest and disqualification, unless accepting the alternative penalty SI Rule 15 (this modifies RRS 28.1).

Restricted areas are:

- (a) The area within 100 yards of the starting line for any yacht prior to its Preparatory signal.
- (b) The area between the San Francisco shoreline, Anita Rock and any marking buoy.
- (c) The area between the San Francisco shoreline and the H Beam near the St. Francis Yacht Club.
- (d) The area between Alcatraz, Little Alcatraz and any marking buoy.
- (e) The area between Fort Point and the South Tower of the Golden Gate Bridge. The south tower must be left to the south at all times.
- (f) The area between Point Belvedere and the marking buoy.

9 COURSE

The course is from the start, leave the south tower of the Golden Gate bridge to port, then by any course to the finish.

10 ROLL CALL

Each yacht shall check-in with the designated roll call yacht for the yacht's division. There will be two designated check-in times each day, one in the morning and the other in the evening. Failure of a yacht to check-in at least once during each day will result in a penalty as described in SI Rule 15.

During roll call, all yachts shall monitor VHF channel 16, and endeavor to relay position reports during roll call, if requested to do so. Any yacht unable to make roll call contact on SSB should attempt to make contact on VHF channel 16. A willful disregard of a timely position-report relay-request by a yacht will be considered as grounds for the yacht's disqualification.

Check-in times, frequencies and the designated roll call yacht(s) will be published in an amendment to the Sailing Instructions.

11 FINISH

The finish line is an imaginary line at 290 degrees magnetic from the Race Committee headquarters located approximately 22 deg 13'22" N latitude 159 deg 29'50" W longitude on the bluff at Pu'u Poa Poa Point on Hanalei Bay, island of Kauai, Hawaii. Yachts must cross the finish line from East to West, south of 22 deg 14' N latitude. Race Committee shall inform yachts via VHF channel 69 when they have crossed the finish line.

All yachts shall radio the Race Committee on VHF channel 69 when they are within radio range of the finish line. If a yacht does not have a radio capable of contacting the Race Committee, the skipper shall use a white flare when the yacht reaches the vicinity of the finish line to notify the Race Committee during non-daylight hours.

12 CALCULATED DISTANCE

The calculated distance for the Race is 2120 miles.

13 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the Race shall be 2400 hours Hawaii Standard Time Saturday July 6, 2002.

Yachts finishing after the time limit will be scored "Did Not Finish". If 50% of the yachts that started have not finished by the time limit the deadline may be extended at the discretion of the Race Committee.

14 PROTESTS

A protesting yacht shall:

- (a) Display a protest flag at the first reasonable opportunity and keep it displayed for one hour or until the protested yacht can no longer be seen, whichever occurs later.
- (b) Display a protest flag as it approaches the finish and continue to display the protest flag until anchored in Hanalei Bay.
- (c) Verbally notify the Race Committee of intent to protest within one hour of the yacht's finish.
- (d) File a written protest with Race Committee within 24 hours of the yacht's finish.

Protests will be heard by the Protest Committee as soon as practical.

15 PENALTIES

Time penalties will be assessed for non-compliance with deadlines specified in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, and any amendments to the same. A yacht late for these deadlines shall receive a time penalty of 15 minutes per whole hour late applied to the yacht's corrected time.

A yacht failing to check-in on SSB roll call at least once each day while the yacht is on the race course shall receive a 15 minute penalty added to the yacht's corrected time, for each day the yacht fails to check-in.

Penalties for infringement of the RRS Rules shall be in accordance with RRS 44.3. The 720 penalty is disallowed (this modifies RRS 44.2).

A yacht that enters a restricted area may elect to be disqualified, or accept an alternative penalty of 5 hours added to their elapsed time. A yacht wishing to take this alternative penalty must hail the Race Committee on VHF channel 69 and so inform them (this modifies RRS 44 and SI Rule 15).